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SUBJ: PDFLP REP FORESEES EARLY END TO LEBANESE CRISIS

1. U.S. JOURNALISTS, WHO MET WITH PDFLP DEPUTY LEADER ABU LAYLA JANUARY 21, REPORT HE OPTIMISTIC THAT ENTRY OF PLA FORCES INTO LEBANON WILL BRING LEBANESE CRISIS TO EARLY, POSITIVE CONCLUSION. ABU LAYLA STATED PLA'S "FLEXING ITS MUSCLES" IN LEBANON WAS PSYCHOLOGICAL SHOW INTENDED EMPHASIZE TO LEBANON RIGHTISTS THAT LEFTISTS NOW HAD MILITARY SUPERIORITY THROUGHOUT COUNTRY. THIS, HE PREDICTED, WOULD BRING FRANGIE FINALLY TO ACCEPT SYRIA'S FIVE-POINT PEACE PROPOSAL.

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2. ABU LAYLA STRONGLY IMPLIED THAT FOREGOING

REPRESENTED DELIBERATE SARG STRATEGY.
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